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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ASEAN, VN, TH

SUBJECT: THAI LACK OF REACTION TO HANOI BLAST AT ASEAN

1. A THAI MFA OFFICIAL WHO WORKS ON SOUTHEAST ASIAN MATTERS HAS LAMENTED TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT HE IS DISAPPOINTED THE RTG HAS NOT SEEN FIT TO ISSUE A REJOINDER TO THE HANOI ATTACKS ON ASEAN. ALTHOUGH THIS OFFICER RECOMMENDED THAT BANGKOK ANSWER BACK, HIS SUPERIORS HAVE NOT ACTED ON THE SUGGESTION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. THE OFFICIAL STATED THAILAND SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE FIRST TO ANSWER HANOI'S CHARGES. HE ADDED THAT HANOI SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO GET AWAY WITH SUCH STATEMENTS WITHOUT A RESPONSE.

2. COMMENT: OUR GUESS IS THAT THE RTG'S NON-RESPONSE STEMS MORE FROM PREOCCUPATION WITH THE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND OTHER PRESSING MATTERS THAN IT DOES FROM ANY
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POLICY DECISION TO MOLLIFY HANOI BY NOT TALKING BACK.

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